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1. AS THE TEACHER'S STRIKE PASSES ITS SECOND MONTH THE
GOP REPORTEDLY PLANS TO BREAK UP THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UNION
DIRECTING THE PROTEST, SUTEP. PARENTS ASSOCIATIONS HAVE
BEEN ENLISTED TO ASSURE ATTENDANCE OF STUDENTS JULY 10.
ADMINISTRATORS OF SCHOOLS WHO FAIL TO OPEN IF STUDENTS
ARE PRESENT WILL BE FIRED. ON A SELECTIVE BASIS, TEACH-
ERS (I.E., SUTEP ACTIVISTS) FAILING TO APPEAR FOR
WORK WILL BE FIRED AND SUBSTITUTES PROVIDED. RUMOR HAS
IT ALSO THAT A NEW MINISTER OF EDUCATION WILL BE NAMED.

2. SUTEP'S STRIKE CONTINUES TO BE WELL SUPPORTED AND
MORE THAN HALF OF THE TEACHERS WERE ESTIMATED TO BE STAYING
HOME. SYMPATHY STRIKES AND PROTESTS LAST WEEK IN CUZCO AND PUNO
RESULTED IN VIOLENT CONFRONTATIONS WITH POLICE AND MILI-
TARY WHO USED CLUBS, TEAR GAS AND WATER TRUCKS TO BREAK UP
DEMONSTRATIONS.

3. THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF APRISTA WORKERS IN
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EDUCATION JULY 8 BLAMED SUTEP LEADERS FOR THE STRIKE'S
"FAILURE" AND CALLED FOR THEIR RESIGNATION. THE APRISTAS
CALLED FOR NEW NATIONAL LEADERS CHOSEN BY REPRESENTATIVES
DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. THEY ASKED FOR CAN-
CELLATION OF ANY CHARGES AGAINST TEACHERS OR ANY FURTHER RE-
PRESSIVE MEASURES. APRISTAS REPEATED THEIR SUPPORT OF
THE TEACHERS' JUST DEMANDS AND COMPLAINED THAT NO CO-

HERENT OR DEFINED POLICY REGARDING TEACHERS HAD EVER
BEEN FORMULATED DURING THE PAST YEARS OF MILITARY DICTA-
TORSHIP.

4. COMMENT. THE GOP HAS RAISED THE STAKES IN ITS CON-
FRONTATION WITH SUTEP AND APPARENTLY THINKS IT CAN BREAK
THE STRIKE WITHOUT DEALING WITH THIS GROUP. THE APRISTAS
FINALLY DECIDED TO TAKE ON SUTEP'S PEKING LINE COMMUNISTS
OPENLY FOR CONTROL OF THE TEACHERS MOVEMENT.

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